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Sri K. PARTHASARATHY : From the question and answer, we are not able to understand their actual scope. Do they refer to cases by or against members of the legislature or do they refer to the lawyer members of the legislature attending the court in their professional capacity?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : The question has been put by a lawyer-member and I am sure he had in mind only the lawyer-members, but the question is in general terms and my answer also is in general terms.

Sri S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : To get the pious expectation fulfilled, have any instructions been issued by the High Court?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : We can expect the High Court to take whatever action is necessary.

Sri S. PANCHAKSHARAM : Does the Finance Minister mean that he has addressed the High Court that lawyer-members appearing in cases should be accommodated by adjournment of criminal and civil cases?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I have given the answer with reference to lawyer-members appearing in courts as lawyers.

Complaint against the Sub-Inspector of Police, Kondotti

* 3047 Q.—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Inspector-General of Police has received a copy of the resolution passed at a public meeting held at Morayur, South Malabar, on 12th June 1955, under the chairmanship of the President of the Village Congress Committee, Morayur, protesting against the high-handed action of the Police Sub-Inspector Kondotti, in beating innocent persons on 7th June 1955 ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Inspector-General of Police had the allegations enquired into and found that they were not substantiated. The resolution of the Village Congress Committee seems to have been based on mere hearsay.

Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Are the Government aware that after the enquiry by a police officer against the Sub-Inspector, the Sub-Inspector was transferred from that place and are they also aware that the villagers of Morayur, especially the Muslims, held a mass prayer praying for the transfer of that Sub-Inspector from that place?

The Hon. Sri C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not know whether there was any prayer meeting and whether that prayer had had any effect on the Government. Transfers are done not merely on resolutions; even in the ordinary course, transfers are done and some people take credit for them.

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SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : May I know whether this Sub-Inspector was transferred in the usual course or on account of the complaints against him made by the public?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The enquiry revealed that the allegations were baseless. So the transfer should have been done in the usual course.

SRI S. C. C. ANTHONY PILLAI : Is the hon. Member Sri K. P. Gopalan suggesting that prayer will move the Government or is the Hon. Minister suggesting that the Government are immune to prayer?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I think the hon. Member should answer this question rather than I.

Construction of overbridges at level-crossings in Tiruchirappalli

* 3084 *Q.*—SRI S. RAMALINGAM (on behalf of Sri M. Kalyanasundaram) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that this Government have sent up proposals to the Union Government for the construction of overbridges at the railway level-crossings within the municipal limits of Tiruchirappalli; and

(*b*) if so, the places at which they will be constructed and their order of priority?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) A list of 45 road-rail crossings requiring to be replaced by over or under bridges, was furnished to the Government of India in May 1955. The following three road-rail crossings within the municipal limits of Tiruchirappalli have been included in it in the order of priority noted against them :—

	Location of level crossing.	Order of priority.
(1)	At G. S. T. Road, south of Palakkarai Railway station .. .. (5th)	Fifth.
(2)	At Thennur Road in Tiruchirappalli town .. .. .. (17th)	Seventeenth.
(3)	At Heber Road, north of Palakkarai Railway station in Tiruchirappalli town .. .. (23rd)	Twenty-third.

It is not known what order of priority the Government of India will allot for the above proposals.

Executive Officers of Hindu temples

* 3049 *Q.*—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR (on behalf of Sri V. R. Krishna Ayyar) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Registration, Endowments and Transport be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any applicants for the posts of Executive Officers of Hindu temples were interviewed in 1954–55 by the Madras Public Service Commission; and